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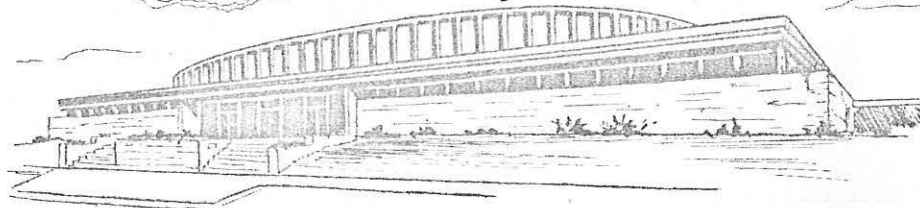
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September 19, 1969

Mr. Doug Campbell
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Dear Doug:

I know that the Lord used you mightily this summer. I was thrilled to hear the reports of all that went on in the places where you were working with fellow Christians. You should read and re-read Paul's great statement in First Corinthians 9, as well as the two letters he wrote to the gospel preacher, Timothy. If you could read First and Second Timothy once every month, it would be a great help to you in these days of preparation just ahead.

I have no advice to offer regarding your neighbor. We must always remember that once we have presented opportunities, there always must be a decision. We do not at times accept a "No" when it is a very definite answer. The best thing to do is to offer your neighbor the opportunity to study with you or attend services with you, and then accept his answer. After a sufficient length of time, say a month or more, you may want to invite him again. If a special series of lectures or sermons are to be presented, that might be a reason to go back and invite him again. In the final analysis, however, we must also realize that along with those who say "Yes," there will be those who say "No." The most constructive thing you can do for him now is to pray for him (Matt. 7:7-11).

Give my love and concern to Opal and my other friends there.

Your brother,

John Allen Chalk

JAC:hm

Sept. 6, 1969

John Allen Chalk
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Dear John Allen,

I want to thank you for the response to my letter that I sent you in July. I want to thank you also for the copy of the book that I received in that letter .

I have had a very prosperous summer for the Lord. I would like very much to tell you about it. First off I've already told you about Opal's grandson and about being a counselor at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, and that was a start of the many things that happened throughout the summer. I stayed at camp for five weeks because I didn't want to miss out on this work. After that was over I went to a campaign for Christ in Xenia, Ohio ; this was one of the Highlights of the summer. Next I went to a campaign for Christ in Ky. with Opal, where there were 11 baptisms and 4 restorations. I baptized two girls while I was down there. I do not want to give you the impression that I am overly proud in this work, I just want to tell of the work that is being done (I Cor. 9:16).

Well the summer has come to a close and school is in. I like the subjects that I am taking. I decided to take Speech and Drama since it would better prepare me for my work.

I want to tell of an experience involving the gospel that happened this year. I was talking to a man that does not go to church and asked him if he would like to see the gospel films. He said "I'm sorry Doug, but I have something to do all this week." This was discouraging to me, so I went back again and asked him the following week and he gave me the same answer. I would like some advice. This man is my next door neighbor and he is sincere in what he says. I would like a little advice.

I again want to thank you for the letter and the booklet of sermons.

Yours in his name,

Doug Campbell
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